



Hello Student and Family,

On behalf of the Colorado School of Mines community, we hope you are well and healthy. Yesterday, you received a message from Mines President, Paul C. Johnson, about the current fall semester status. As mentioned, unless directed otherwise by the state or county, our expectation is to welcome students on campus and in classrooms/labs in August. As President Johnson mentioned, to achieve this, Mines faculty and staff are working to make changes to how we use our facilities, schedule and deliver classes, support students, monitor the health of our community and more. Rest assured we will communicate updates with you in a timely manner throughout the summer months.

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## We Climb Together

Mines students, staff and faculty love the tight-knit, small-town environment. Recently, our [Blue Key Honor Society](#) went above and beyond to show their love for the greater Golden community. To honor healthcare workers and first responders, as well as our community members working in other essential positions, they adjusted the mountainside "M" to a glowing red heart. Mines President Paul C. Johnson said, "Lighting the M red at night is our way of expressing appreciation for all they are doing for us. Here at Mines, we say '[Every Oredigger cares](#)' and '[We climb together](#)', and those also apply to how we will get through this pandemic – together, as a campus, a community, a nation and world."



[\(Read the full story\)](#)

**Helluva school. Helluva community. #HelluvaEngineer. We'll get through this together!**

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## Office of Admissions

### Accepted/Incoming Student Visit Opportunities

On-campus visit experiences are now cancelled through June 19, 2020, possibly longer.

We hope that you are still considering joining the Oredigger community this fall. If you requested an admission decision extension, please let us know your enrollment plans by June 1, 2020. If you did not request an extension, we automatically extended your deadline to May 31, 2020. Please log into your Applicant Portal to submit your enrollment decision form. As a reminder, we are waiving the \$200 enrollment deposit so only the decision form is required to confirm your seat in the fall 2020 class. If you would like to request a fall 2020 enrollment deferral to spring or fall 2021 semesters, please submit your Enrollment Decision Form first and then [submit our Deferral Request Form](#).

Fortunately, we are pleased to share a variety of ways we can connect with you from the comfort of your own home! We hope the opportunities and resources below help you get to know Mines and our Oredigger community.

- **Accepted Student & Family Virtual Information Sessions**
- **Ask An Oredigger Calls with Current Students**
- **One on One Transfer Advisement Sessions**
- **Make it Mines Webinars** (including topics such as Residence Life/Theme Learning Communities, the Out of State Experience, Women in STEM, First @Mines for First-Generation Students, etc.)

Please have your Campus Wide ID (CWID) handy as you will need it to register for these events. Your CWID is:

Click the button below, select the date on the calendar and register for one (or more) of our virtual visit opportunities.

### Accepted Student Virtual Events & Registration

Additionally, there are still so many chances for Future Orediggers to connect with the Mines community! Learn more about student life, financial aid, residence life, the Society of Women Engineers, being a first generation college student at Mines or some of our academic programs. During these virtual events, you will have the chance to virtually meet with current students, faculty and our admission team.

### Web Chats, Web Chats, Web Chats

**Society of Women Engineers @ Mines Web Chat:** [Tuesday, May 26, 2020 from 5:00-6:00 pm \(MDT\)](#).

**First Generation College Student @ Mines Web Chat:** [Thursday, May 28, 2020 from 5:00-6:00 pm \(MDT\)](#).

**Mechanical Engineering Web Chat:** Offered every Wednesday from 2:00-3:00 pm (MDT).

**Computer Science Web Chat:** [Thursday, May 28, 2020 from 3:30-4:30 pm \(MDT\)](#).

### Need to chat one-on-one?

Set up a one-on-one chat with a Mines Admissions Staff member. These thirty minute sessions will answer your most pressing questions (or point you in the direction of someone who can help) as you transition to the Oredigger community. Contact [admissions@mines.edu](mailto:admissions@mines.edu) to schedule an appointment.

### Online Resources

- **Accepted Student Webpage:** We are loading a bunch of videos and resources onto our [accepted student webpage](#). Here you can find our residence hall tour video, a video about Golden and surrounding area, newsletters, etc. Please visit this page regularly.
- **Accepted Student & Family Facebook Groups:** If you haven't already joined, there are active conversations happening on our student and family Facebook groups. Search for the groups: "[Family of Accepted Students - Fall 2020](#)" and "[Colorado School of Mines Accepted Students - Fall 2020](#)" and request access. Join the conversation!
- **COVID-19 Webpage:** You can [stay up-to-date on Colorado School of Mines' COVID-19 announcements on this website](#).

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## Office of the Registrar

The fall semester is quickly approaching and we are here to provide you with the next steps for registration. The [Office of the Registrar](#) will build schedules for all incoming students. This is done to build an optimal schedule for students who will be arriving to campus with a range of transfer, AP and IB credit and will also allow us to accommodate special considerations such as Living and Learning committees, Honors, Athletics, ROTC and music to name a few. Scheduling will begin in early June for transfer students and late June for incoming first-year students. AP scores will be released in early July and may lead to schedule updates. During the summer months you may see a partial schedule or see your schedule change in [Trailhead](#) as we make updates or add additional sections to accommodate your preferences. Once schedules are complete, in late July/early August, we will email you so that you can view your schedule in [Trailhead](#). Before you attempt to make schedule adjustments, please reach out to your [CASA advisor](#) for guidance.

The Office of The Registrar would like to address any questions and hopefully alleviate concerns that you may have regarding Advanced Credit such as college transfer credit, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and dual enrollment. The Registrar is committed to grant all applicable credit for coursework earned during the spring 2020 term.

- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** We are anticipating in the coming weeks the Colorado Department of Higher Education will provide guidance on IB credit.
- **Advanced Placement (AP):** If you are taking an AP exam be sure to have the scores sent to Mines. If you have previously taken an exam (in your sophomore or junior year), also release those to school of Mines. Mines will receive exam scores from the May 2020 cycle in early July. [Review the Mines AP placement guidelines](#).
  - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, adjustments have been made to the Mines AP Credit acceptance policy for Calculus for students taking the 2020 AP Calculus BC Exam. [Review the AP Calculus update](#).
- **Dual Enrollment:** We understand that some institutions of higher education converted letter grades to P/F. Students who are receive a "P" grade from the institution they are attending for the spring 2020

term will be given credit to applicable courses. Don't forget to request an Official Transcript from the higher education institution that taught the class. [Review our current policy accommodations.](#)

We welcome you to learn more about our [transfer credit guidelines](#) at Mines. If you have any additional questions please send them to [admissions@mines.edu](mailto:admissions@mines.edu).

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## Residence Life Department

Please make sure to check your Mines email address to keep up to date on all of the procedures that you'll need to follow for Fall housing. What you need to do now:

- Apply for housing through the housing portal in your Trailhead account on the Campus Life page if you have not done so already. The absolute deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>, but we ask that you take care of this as soon as possible so you have access to possible roommates!
- Talk to other Mines first-year students to see if you would like to room with one of them. You can do this through our roommate finder in the housing portal, through Instagram, whatever.
- Read through the [Residence Life webpage](#) AND the housing application to make sure you are familiar with the process for housing selection and with our communities.

We are so proud to have you as part of the Oredigger family!

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## New Student and Transition Services (NeST)

The [New Student & Transition Services](#) (NeST) staff supports new and continuing Colorado School of Mines students through their transitions to campus and beyond. Specialized programs allow students to become acquainted with campus, traditions, expectations and processes while getting a head start on their community building. We will provide you with news and updates throughout the spring and summer, but please consider registering for one of our upcoming events!

### Launch

**Register for a Virtual Launch Session** - Launch is our traditional student and family orientation event for incoming students. There are seven dates to choose from between May and July, though due to considerations of the safety and wellness of our students, families, and community with Covid-19, all of these events will be virtual and will include a combination of web information and live interactive webinar panels. Participants can expect to hear from the Center for Academic Services and Advising (CASA), Residence Life, Financial Aid, and many others. We are excited for this opportunity to connect and share information with you in this format. [Register for a Virtual Launch date](#) if you have not already! There is also a virtual Launch date specific for incoming transfer students on July 10. If you are an incoming transfer student (you have attended a community college or four year institution not as dual enrollment), please ensure you [register for this date here](#). [Please visit our website for more information about Launch.](#)

## Enrollment into Online Orientation Course

In addition to participating in the Virtual Launch sessions, all students will also be automatically enrolled in our online orientation course in our learning management platform, Canvas. You will use your Mines credentials to log-in and you will be able to learn about majors, resources and offices on campus, meet your Launch Leaders and more! You will receive additional information if you have already registered for a Virtual Launch session, and the online orientation course will go live on Monday, May 11. Your families and guests will also be sent a link to participate in the online orientation course and will not need credentials to view the material. Please reach out to [nest@mines.edu](mailto:nest@mines.edu) with any questions you might have!

### Oredigger Camp

As most of you have now heard, [Oredigger Camp registration](#) is live! You can [find more information as well as the registration links for this popular tradition here](#). There is no additional out of pocket cost for this event other than any costs incurred getting to and from campus, as camp is included in your orientation fee. Please note that

students admitted into a Theme Learning Community through Residence Life are REQUIRED to attend the third session (August 18-20), however, you do not have to be part of a Theme Learning Community in order to attend that session. We are still planning for an in-person experience, but as you know, our world is ever evolving. We will let you know as soon as we can if COVID-19 requires our plans to change.

### **Fall Kickoff**

Please continue to monitor your email as you will be getting more important information about the beginning of the academic year as the summer goes on. Please know that the current climate necessitates that many of our plans are still in flux. We will communicate with you as quickly and consistently as possible. In the meantime, please start looking around for your 10 pound rock! Every new Oredigger gets to bring a piece of home to place on the M on Mt. Zion!

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## **Office of Financial Aid**

### **Newsletter Sign Up**

After August 1<sup>st</sup>, all primary communication from Financial Aid will go through students' Mines email account. Parents and family members are strongly encouraged to subscribe to our newsletter so they can stay up-to-date on important deadlines and information. [Sign up for our Financial Aid newsletter!](#)

### **Completing Financial Aid Requirements**

In [Trailhead](#), go to the Financial Aid tab (left-hand toolbar)>Requirements (blue section)>2020-2021 to ensure you have turned in all financial aid documentation. Financial aid will pay in August if all requirements are complete.

### **Student and Parent Loan Information**

Information about loan processing will be emailed in June. There is no need to complete any loan documentation at this time.

### **Income Changes and FAFSA**

If your income has significantly changed since 2018, instructions will be available in the Financial Aid May newsletter to determine if the reduction will affect your award. *Do not adjust your FAFSA!* Adjustments to the FAFSA can only be made by the Financial Aid Office.

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## **Center for Academic Services & Advising (CASA)**

Welcome to Mines from all of us in CASA!

As a reminder, CASA is your home for academic advising and academic support services at Mines. Last month we introduced ourselves and encouraged you to look through the [undergraduate programs website](#) to explore our academic majors, minors and more. If you didn't already do that, please do so now because you'll soon be able to confirm or update your intended major through your Applicant Portal. This is an important task because

**your first semester schedule will be created for you by the Registrar's**

**Office and will be based on your intended major.** Your fall semester schedule will be available to you on Trailhead around August 1st and we will work with you more over the summer to learn about academic advising, major/minor requirements, and academic success tips. In the meantime, [visit our website for incoming Orediggers](#) to view our FAQs and learn more about CASA.

We look forward to working with you soon!

~CASA

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## **BlasterCard**

Your BlasterCard is the official identification card for the Colorado School of Mines community and is your key to accessing services, buildings, and events on campus. The BlasterCard identifies you as a member of the MINES



community and says you are part of the family.

The [BlasterCard Program](#) is part of Student Life Services and located in the Ben Parker Student Center (room E140). It is our job to issue you your first BlasterCard along with any replacements that you might need while here at MINES. We are also responsible for assisting you with problems that you might have with your BlasterCard use. You can find more information about the [BlasterCard on our website](#).

The COVID-19 crisis has caused us all to review how we go about our daily tasks and the BlasterCard Program is no exception. In an effort to ensure safety, it is now **REQUIRED** that all new students and staff members provide an electronic photo for BlasterCard production. The website for the download process can be found here <https://myphoto.mines.edu/myphoto/>. Once you have completed this process you will receive an e-mail stating that we have your photo. After it is approved, you will receive another e-mail telling you when and how you will receive your BlasterCard.

We know this is a strange time for everyone and we will do our very best to assist you in any way we can as you prepare to begin your adventure at MINES. If you have any BlasterCard questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Director of Campus Card Services at [Rmask@mines.edu](mailto:Rmask@mines.edu)

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## Mines Dining

[Savor Mines Dining with this quick virtual tour.](#)

Fall 2020-Spring 2021

**Virtual  
Dining Tour**



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## Counseling Center



Did you know? EVERYONE faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health. Since 1949, Mental Health America and others across the country have led the observance of May being Mental Health Month by reaching millions of people through the media, local events and screenings. During this time of physical distancing amidst a global pandemic, the Mines Counseling Center is working hard to provide tools and resources that you can access wherever you are: today, as you prepare to start college, and once you arrive to campus.

1. Check out [Mental Health America MHAM](#) (Mental Health Awareness Month) #Tools2Thrive – practical tools that everyone can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency regardless of the situations they are dealing with.
2. Need a simple example to help you through the rest of this month? Check out the [May 2020 Happiness Calendar](#) for daily ideas to support your own mental health.
3. Preview our [website](#) for more tips, tools and support to prepare you as you look ahead to starting your college experience!

Although in-person visits at the [Counseling Center](#) are currently suspended, we have made our Counseling Center Office Hours virtual for the summer. This mental health service option will likely be expanded for additional offerings once you arrive on campus!

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## Career Center



# CAREER CENTER ANNUAL REPORT



The Mines Career Center is pleased to share the excellent outcomes as a result of Mines education. In addition to Mines being ranked the 6<sup>th</sup> best return on investment by Payscale, the Class of 2019 had a 94% positive outcome rate within six months of graduating (employed in their field of study or attending graduate school). The [Mines Career Center 2018-2019 Annual Report](#) provides all the details about where our students go upon graduation. Top industries representing where our student are hired include: Energy, High Tech, Aerospace, Civil & Construction and Manufacturing. 51% of bachelor of science graduates stay in Colorado upon graduation. 75% of Mines students actively use the Career Center, thus obtaining the benefits of our expert staff and our more than 1,320 employer partners recruiting and hiring from Mines.

We look forward to working with you!

[Learn more about Career Center Services.](#)

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## Department of Military Science (Army R.O.T.C.)

### Are you planning to enroll in Army or Air Force R.O.T.C. at Mines?

If you plan to attend R.O.T.C. classes, please email [faquilar@mines.edu](mailto:faquilar@mines.edu) and let us know. We will create rosters and let the Registrar's Office know which class to place you in.

If you would like more information about R.O.T.C. at Mines, please check out our [R.O.T.C webpage](#), [watch our video](#) and feel free to give us a call at [303.273.3380](tel:303.273.3380).



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## Student Health Center

We look forward to welcoming you here in August. In order to ensure a smooth transition, please send the following **required information** in English, via the Mines Health Portal (it's a bubble on your [Trailhead](#) main page) **prior to June 30, 2020**.

[Access complete details regarding the immunization requirements and a "how-to" guide for submitting them.](#) If you are currently under age 18, please have your parent/guardian complete the forms for you.

### Required for ALL students

- MMR: Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccines: Colorado law requires every student to submit proof of two (2) valid vaccinations for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) given no earlier than four days before the student's first birthday. There must be at least 28 calendar days between the two vaccinations.



- TB Screening Questions: Completion of the Tuberculosis questionnaire (Forms tab of the Health Portal) is required. In some cases, TB testing may also be indicated.
- Proof of all immunizations must be **UPLOADED** to the Health Portal so they may be verified.

### **Additional requirement if you are living on campus**

- Colorado law requires all students *living on campus* in student housing to submit proof of a Meningitis ACWY vaccine given within the last five years, **OR** to sign and upload the Meningococcal waiver form. If the five-year period will expire while the student is living on campus, we recommend receiving another Meningococcal ACWY. Students will have a hold placed on their account five years after the date of the most recent Meningitis ACWY vaccine. Currently, Meningitis ACWY is required, not Meningitis B.

### **If you are under age 18 as of the first day of class**

- Consent to Treat Minor ("Forms" tab found on the Health Portal). Please upload after completion.

Questions? Feel free to email us at [shc@mines.edu](mailto:shc@mines.edu) or call us at [303.273.3381](tel:303.273.3381) - we are happy to help. If we have questions for you, we will email your @mymail.mines.edu account. We are working remotely and will reply to you as soon as possible. Stay well and we will see you soon!




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## **Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership (SAIL)**

**E-Days 2020** wasn't what we've seen in years past, but the students still celebrated the weekend and proved why it's so special to be an Oredigger! Check out our [2020 Virtual Realite-Days](#) highlight video!

### **Fraternity & Sorority Life**

Did you know that 16-17% of our students are in a fraternity or sorority? Check out our organizations at [www.mines.edu/greek-life](http://www.mines.edu/greek-life).

### **Clubs & Orgs**

At Mines, we currently have over 220 active organizations. You can browse current organizations by going to <https://mines.campuslabs.com/engage/>. If you find an organization that interests you, you can send a message to the club leadership or request admission by clicking the "Contact" or "Join" buttons on the right side of the club's page.

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## WILD New Student Orientation Backpacking Trips

Join the Outdoor Recreation Center (ORC) on our Wilderness Instruction and Leadership Development (WILD) Backpacking Trip this summer. The first trip is June 22-27 and the second trip is July 13-18. These trips will be backpacking through the majestic Rocky Mountain National Park. These trips will be great chance to get to know other incoming students and ask your questions to experienced Mines Student Trip Leaders and of Professional Mines Staff. You will camp in tents or sleep under the stars, see wildlife, cook in groups, and have opportunities to learn about back-country travel, navigation, group leadership and life at Mines. Sign up at <https://recsportsstore.mines.edu/>.



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## Disability Support Services (DSS)

Disability Support Services (DSS) is committed to providing equal access to university courses, programs and activities for students with a disability. If you are a student who receives accommodations in high school and/or has a need for disability accommodations at Mines, register with DSS by completing an [online application](#).

- In preparation for registering with DSS, please consider collecting and/or requesting updated disability documentation from your provider including diagnostic evaluation records, current school disability records (IEP/504, if applicable) and any medical documentation to support your request for reasonable accommodations.
- While students can register with DSS at any time, early submission facilitates the possibility for accommodations at the start of the semester. Since housing accommodations are subject to availability, students in need of accommodations in the residence hall are encouraged to register with DSS as soon as possible.

Please visit the [DSS website](#) for additional information and contact information

[Click here to access all past accepted/incoming student newsletters.](#)

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## Music and Performing Arts

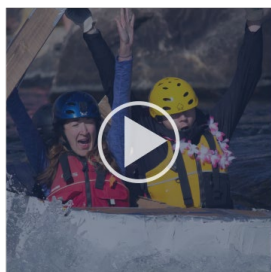
Interested in the performing arts? [Review all of the options Mines has to offer.](#)

# MINES Music

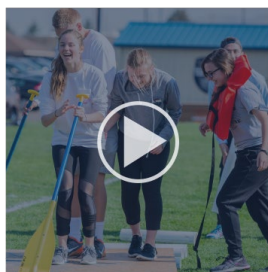
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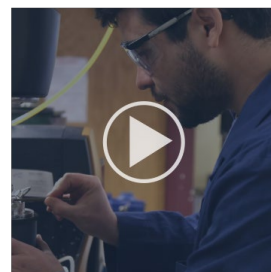
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**STUDENT LIFE**



**EVENTS**



**RESEARCH**

Mines is committed to providing a fully accessible experience to all students and their families. If you're planning to attend a forthcoming campus event and may benefit from any disability accommodation, please proactively communicate with the Office of Admissions at [admissions@mines.edu](mailto:admissions@mines.edu). If you would like more information about Disability Support Services at Mines or the process for requesting accommodations, please visit: [disabilities.mines.edu](https://disabilities.mines.edu).

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